

plan, to try out, to see how easily and quickly we could cut our way through the entanglement. The General left us at the X-roads, and expressed himself again as being well pleased with our work. After dinner the Colonel and I had a long conference over our work and at 3 p. m. had a conference with the Battalion Commanders.

We gave a dinner party tonight to three of the British officers, the following being present: Colonel Ferguson, Lieutenant-Colonel Pratt, Major Campbell, Major DePaula (British), Major Harrison (British T Air Craft Battery), Captain Proctor (British), Captain Boesch, Captain Smith, Lieutenant Tucker, Lieutenant Sharp, Lieutenant Harper, and Lieutenant Smith. Our Chaplain, Lieutenant McElroy, took charge and arranged a good dinner: Soup, fish, chicken and vegetables, asparagus (fresh), dessert (fresh currant pudding), Welsh rarebit, coffee, cakes, candy, cheese, smokes. We sat around the table until nearly dark. We have no lights at night as we have no means of shutting in the light. All seemed to enjoy the dinner and I was very glad to be able to entertain the British officers. We borrowed dishes, etc., from the women in care of the chateau. For the most part we used our own field equipment dishes (enamel ware). Colonel Markham of 303d Engineers called this afternoon. His Regimental Headquarters at Oudezeele.

*July 6, 1918, Saturday.* Very quiet night. No air raids and very little bombardment. The Colonel left this morning for Corps Headquarters, but returned at night in time for dinner. I spent all the morning studying maps and plans, particularly around the Ypres sector. Right after dinner Captain Boesch, the Adjutant, and I rode horseback to Terdeghem to inspect the work done by the First Battalion and to see how they made arrangements to break camp. The First Battalion and the Second Battalion were to change camps and work. The Second Battalion were very much pleased with the change, and liked their new camp much better than the old one. I inspected the wire entanglement made by the First Battalion and consider it a more effective wire entanglement than what we made before. I am not quite satisfied with it yet, and want to have some larger stakes mixed in with the smaller ones in this low entanglement. As a whole the work was satisfactory. Coming back I took the cross-roads and trails as much as possible, which made the ride much